This Gorgeous Book About Marco Polos Quest To The Far Reaches Of The World Is Mesmerizing!

My Personal Review:
Marco Polo was born in 1254 in the San Severo Parish in Venice, Italy. He didn't meet his father until he was fifteen years old because Niccolo was a trader who went to far away places. In 1271 Marco went along with his father and uncle Maffeo to China on the trip of a lifetime that not only he would remember, but one that would be remembered for centuries to come. Kublai Khan, who was a very tolerant man, wanted them to bring the holy oil from the tomb of Jesus and one hundred Christian Men when they returned to China. If Christianity was the true religion, he would then know it. Pope Gregory X sent two letters for Kulai Khan.

They collected the oil in Jerusalem, along with two monks who later became afraid and left to return home. The marvelous journey did not stop at Ayas because of the Mamluks bandits, they simply continued on. They visited the site where Noah's ark had landed on top of Mount Ararat, near the Black and Caspian seas they saw fountains of oil springing from the ground and in the Tabriz they bartered for pearls. All the while Marco was writing in his journal. He wrote about Baghdad, Kerman, the Rudbar Plain and its Karunas bandits, the Persian Gulf, the Silk Route, the Desert of Emptiness, Tunocain and on and on as they traveled through many unusual lands and saw many strange things. In 1275 they finally reached China and Khan invited them to Xanadu where Marco was later asked to be his ambassador. It would be more than twenty-four years until the Polos returned home to Venice, a place where no one, not even their families, recognized them.

The art work in this book is mesmerizing and could stand alone without the text. The story of Marco Polo and his adventures was very well written and would be easy for even the most reluctant reader to make it to the end with ease. For the price you have to pay for this book you are receiving a bargain and shouldn't hesitate to snap up a copy. As Marco Polo told a
priest, I did not tell half of what I saw, for I knew I would not be believed!
You wont believe how beautiful this book is!

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